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1. THE FOLLOWING IS AF'S CONTRIBUTION TO ISSUE NO. 37 OF
CURRENT FOREIGN RELATIONS FOR POST INFORMATION. FULL TEXT
OF CFR BEING POUCHED PER REGULAR SCHEDULES.

2. AF - SOUTHERN AFRICA: SEARCH FOR NEGOTIATED
SETTLEMENT CONTINUES (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

FOLLOWING HIS TALKS IN ZURICH SEPT. 4-6 WITH SOUTH AFRICAN
PRIME MINISTER VORSTER, THE SECRETARY LEFT WASHINGTON
SEPT. 13 FOR DAR ES SALAAM, LUSAKA AND PRETORIA, CON-
TINUING THE PROCESS OF SEEKING A PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO

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SOUTHERN AFRICA'S VOLATILE PROBLEMS. THE US SEEKS TO

ESTABLISH A FRAMEWORK FOR NEGOTIATIONS AMONG THE PARTIES DIRECTLY INVOLVED, TO BRING ABOUT A PEACEFUL TRANSITION TO INDEPENDENCE IN NAMIBIA AND TO MAJORITY RULE WITH PROTECTION OF MINORITY RIGHTS IN RHODESIA, UNDER CONDITIONS THAT WILL ENABLE ALL THE COMMUNITIES TO LIVE TOGETHER. IN SOUTH AFRICA WE RECOGNIZE THAT THE EVOLUTION WHICH WE ENVISAGE AWAY FROM INSTITUTIONALIZED RACIAL INEQUALITY

AND TOWARD BASI- HUMAN RIGHTS WILL TAKE LONGER.

SIMULTANEOUS WITH THE KISSINGER-VORSTER MEETING IN ZURICH, THE "FRONT-LINE" PRESIDENTS OF TANZANIA, ZAMBIA, MOZAMBIQUE, AND BOTSWANA--WITH ANGOLA PARTICIPATING FOR THE FIRST TIME--MET IN DAR ES ALAAM. RHODESIAN AND NAMIBIAN NATIONALIST LEADERS PARTICIPATED IN SOME OF THE SESSIONS. THE TALKS FOCUSED PRIMARILY ON RHODESIA: THE PRESIDENTS REAFFIRMED THEIR ENDORSEMENT OF THE ARMED LIBERATION STRUGGLE THERE. MOST SIGNIFICANTLY, THEY FAILED IN A RENEWED ATTEMPT TO UNITE THE FEUDING RHODESIAN NATIONALIST MOVEMENTS. THIS CONTINUING DIS-UNITY ON THE PART OF THE LIBERATION GROUPS IS A COMPLICATING FACTOR IN THE PURSUIT OF A RHODESIAN SETTLEMENT. IN SOUTH AFRICA, MEANWHILE, VIOLENCE RESULTING FROM DEMONSTRATIONS BY BLACK AND COLORED GROUPS HAS CONTINUED DESPITE GOVERNMENT EFFORTS TO HALT IT. WHILE ANNOUNCING SOME RELATIVELY MINOR CONCESSIONS, THE VORSTER GOVERNMENT HAS TAKEN AN ESSENTIALLY UNCOMPROMISING LINE TOWARD AFRICAN AND COLORED DEMANDS. PRETORIA, WHILE CONTINUING TO PURSUE NEGOTIATIONS CONCERNING THE RHODESIAN AND NAMIBIAN ISSUES, HAS AS YET GIVEN NO INDICATION OF ANY FUNDAMENTAL CHANGE IN SOUTH AFRICA'S INTERNAL RACIAL POLICIES.

3. AF - FOREIGN ASSISTANCE APPROPRIATIONS (UNCLASSIFIED)

THE SENATE PASSED THE FY 1977 FOREIGN ASSISTANCE APPROPRIATION BILL ON SEPT. 10, AFTER ACCEPTING AN AMENDMENT BY SENATORS BROOKE AND INQUIE RELATING TO ASSISTANCE TO SOUTHERN AFRICA. THE BILL EARMARKS \$20 MILLION EACH IN SUPPORTING ASSISTANCE FUNDS FOR ZAIRE AND ZAMBIA. IN

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ADDITION, \$14 MILLION IN SUPPORTING ASSISTANCE IS ALLOCATED FOR BOTSWANA AND FOR REGIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMS. THE BILL DOES NOT CONTAIN A PROHIBITION AGAINST ASSISTANCE TO MOZAMBIQUE AND ANGOLA, AS IS THE CASE IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES VERSION. WE PLAN TO MEET OUR PLEDGE TO PROVIDE ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO MOZAMBIQUE TO OFFSET THE COSTS OF ITS BORDER CLOSURE WITH RHODESIA BY UTILIZING TRANSITION QUARTER FUNDS.

THE SENATE BILL WILL HAVE TO BE RECONCILED WITH THE HOUSE
VERSION. HOWEVER, THE SENATE VOTE OF 66 TO 10 IN SUPPORT
OF THE SOUTHERN AFRICAN PORTION OF THE BILL SHOULD BE
REGARDED AS STRONG CONGRESSIONAL SUPPORT FOR SECRETARY
KISSINGER'S MISSION TO AFRICA. ROBINSON

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